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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is certified as a member of the Tennessee Police Benevolent Association, upon complying with state motor vehicle or recreational vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles or recreational vehicles, and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle or recreational vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203 shall be issued a special license plate, either for an automobile, recreational vehicle, or a truck of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) or three-quarter ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) ton rating.

(b)(1) The application for such license plates shall be accompanied by a notarized statement from the Tennessee Police Benevolent Association certifying the applicant to be a member of such organization.

(2) Such application shall only be permitted to full time paid or retired law enforcement officers who are members of the Tennessee Police Benevolent Association.

(c) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of § 55-4-202, shall bear the inscription "POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION" or "PBA" and an appropriate standardized insignia of such organization, and shall be designed in consultation with the director of the motor vehicle division and the department of safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, whereby the total characters do not exceed the sum of seven (7); provided, that no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(d)(1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one (1) of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under § 55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole or parts of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

(e) Additional special license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, plus the payment of the fee prescribed in § 55-4-203.

(f)(1) Special plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person upon proper application being made therefor and approved by the department.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

(g)(1) Within thirty (30) days of terminating membership in the Tennessee Police Benevolent Association, an applicant to whom a special license plate has been issued pursuant to this section shall surrender such plate to the county clerk of the county of the applicant's residence.

(2) The Tennessee Police Benevolent Association shall provide biannually to the department the names and addresses of any persons who have terminated their membership in the Tennessee Police Benevolent Association, along with such other identifying information as the commissioner may require.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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